

Freedom, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Admin. Assist.: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm; **Town Clerk:** Monday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm, Tuesday, 12 noon - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 3 pm, 6:30 pm - 8 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon; **Tax Collector:** Monday, 11 am - 1 pm, Wednesday, 1 pm - 3 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part
Lakes
Lakes Region
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 3, 7

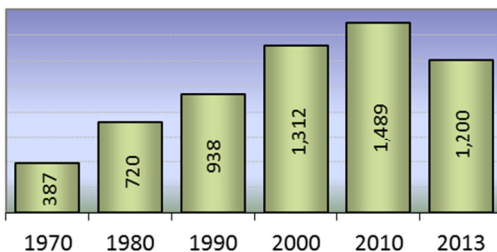
Incorporated: 1831

Origin: Effingham, chartered in 1749, had a substantial amount of fertile farm and mill stream land. This land was attractive to settlers from Maine, and many came across the border to settle in Effingham. There was a conflict of culture and religion between the "liberal" new colonists and "conservative" people from the seacoast who already lived in Effingham. As a result, a section of that town known as North Effingham was separated into a town of its own. Incorporated as North Effingham in 1831, the town's name was appropriately changed to Freedom in 1832.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 926 residents in 1840

Population Trends: Population change for Freedom totaled 837 over 53 years, from 363 in 1960 to 1,200 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was an 86 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2013 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,200 residents, which tied with Hill, ranking 174th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 34.8 persons per square mile of land area. Freedom contains 34.5 square miles of land area and 3.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$2,648,479	
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Zoning Ordinance		1987/14	
Master Plan		2009	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		State	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; School		
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Heritage		
Public Library	Freedom Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	23 miles	25	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells & Freedom Water Precinct		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	None		
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.36	
2013 Equalization Ratio		111.1	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.69	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		96.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,720	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,401	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		33	
Five or More Units in Structure		58	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		228	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	1,200	47,634
2010	1,489	47,818
2000	1,312	43,918
1990	938	35,526
1980	720	27,929
1970	387	18,548
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	562	Female 638
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		58
Age 5 to 19		152
Age 20 to 34		111
Age 35 to 54		264
Age 55 to 64		222
Age 65 and over		393
Median Age		55.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		93.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher		29.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$27,843
Median family income		\$52,917
Median household income		\$48,036
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$31,250
Female		\$31,544
Individuals below the poverty level		9.8%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	715	721
Employed	690	683
Unemployed	25	38
Unemployment rate	3.5%	5.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	37	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 643	\$ 929
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	156	148
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 387	\$ 547
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	194	183
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 436	\$ 620
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	70	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 409	\$ 576
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	264	255
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 429	\$ 608

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Freedom operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Conway**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Mt. Washington Valley Career Technical Center, N Conway**

District: **SAU 13**
 Region: **6**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	76			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Conway**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bobby Sue's	Ice cream shop		1997
Camp Calumet	Children's camp		1966
Camp Cody	Children's camp		1940
Camp Huckins	YMCA camp		1930
Danforth Bay Campground	Campground		2003
Federal Piping	Plumbing & heating		1994
G.W. Brooks & Son	General contractor		1963
International Paper Company	Mill yard		1976
Totem Pole Park	Campground		1988

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	25, 153
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	42 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	44 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		13
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		73 miles
Portland, Maine		45 miles
Boston, Mass.		117 miles
New York City, NY		330 miles
Montreal, Quebec		235 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	10.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	21.4
Commuting to another NH community	72.9
Commuting out-of-state	5.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **King Pine**

Other: **Old Home Week**